GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ANTI SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN MADARSAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether anti-social activities are being undertaken in Madarsas in Bihar and West Bengal, adjoining Bangladesh and Nepal;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether ISI has converted these Madarsas into their arms godowns and training centres for terrorists;

(d) if so, whether Intelligence agencies have submitted any report in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken so far by the Government against such Madarsas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (f): The Government have received reports regarding the misuse of some Madarsas along the Indo Bangladesh and Indo Nepal borders for illegal activities. Though there are no specific inputs with regard to Pakistan`s ISI being actively involved in these, this cannot be ruled out. The State Governments have been advised to take action under the provisions of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988, wherever such places of worship/religious instructions are found to be indulging in illegal activities in violation of the Act.